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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 10th/September, through Sunday, 17th/September there were 212 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J8, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T31, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9X, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YJ, YK, YL, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

5T, MAURITANIA (Reminder/Update). Members/Operators of the CDXP team have been changed due to various reasons. Jean, 5T0JL, became a Silent Key (SK), and a honorary member of their DXpedition team. Ruda, OK2ZA, broke both of his ankles just two weeks ago, and Petr, OK1FCJ, had to drop-out for family reasons. Current operators are Petr/OK1BOA, Palo/OK1CRM, David/OK6DJ, Pavel/OK1GK, Rudolf/OK2ZA, Karel/OK2ZI and guest operator Ahmad/5T2AI. The team will be active as 5T5OK from Nouakchott, Mauritania, between September 18-26th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see:
http://www.cdxp.cz

5W, SAMOA (Reminder). Al, K7AR, will be active as 5W0RA from the Vaiala Beach Cottages, Apia, Samoa (OC-097) between September 19-28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He plans to be in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th). QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog or LoTW.

A3, TONGA. Harumi, JR4OZR, will be active as A35W from Hiro/A31MM's

(JA6WFM) QTH on Tongatapu Island (OC-049) during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th) as an All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via JJ2VLY or LoTW.

A4, OMAN. Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society (ROARS) will activate their contest station, A44A, in Muscat for the first time during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via A47RS.

C6, BAHAMAS. Rich, N0HJZ, will once again be active as C6ARW from Grand Bahama Island (NA-080) between October 23rd and November 1st. Activity will be on 30/17/12 meters this time using CW and SSB, with low power and wires/verticals. Operations will also include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign, direct (with sufficient postage) or by the Bureau.

DXCC NEWS. The following operation has been approved for DXCC credit (per Salvatore, IZ1BWB, and few other sources):
T6/IZ1CCK -- AFGHANISTAN 2017

EF9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Jorge, EA9LZ, will be active as EF9R from Ceuta during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via EA5KB direct or LoTW.

EL2, LIBERIA. Operators Jeremy/EI5GM, David/EI9FBB and Col/MM0NDX will be active as EL2GM, EL2BB and EL2EL, respectively, from Monrovia before and after their 5L3BI IOTA AF-111P DXpedition [tentatively between October 31st and November 3rd] (for more details see OPDX.1317 or see the Web page). The trio plans to operate from the Liberia Radio Amateur Association in Monrovia. QSL via M0OXO or OQRS.

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

FFF-0178 -- By FO/DF1YP; between now and October 1st; holiday style operation from Lagoon de Moorea; activity 20/17/15m using SSB and the Digital modes; All details on QRZ.com

FFF-0048 -- By F/OO5G; between now and September 22nd; Parc Régional du Haut Languedoc; all bands and holiday style

A2FF-0002 -- By A25SP; between now and September 25th; Russian Team - A25SP (Paul/R2AD), A25BE (Elena/RC5A), A25BI (Yuri/RM0F); Chobe National Park; operating will be on SSB/CW, 160-10m; QSLs via their home callsign

VKFF-0619 -- By VK3PAT/P; September 18th; between 0300-0700z; Alpine National Park; 7144 kHz on SSB; Also on 3644 and 14244 kHz; there for 4 days

ONFF-0567 -- By ON5SWA/P; September 18th; between 0600-1000z; 80/40/20m SSB

FFF-1792 -- By F5NLX/p; September 18th; between 0630-0900z; new one in department 73, also castle DFCF 73185 - WCA F 06504

HBFF-0138 -- By HB9WFF/P; September 19th; between 0730-1200z; Stagno Agra (NEW ONE); operators Luciano/HB9FBI and Augusto/ HB9TZA; 40m and 20m, maybe others; SSB Only

PAFF-0012 -- By PA/HB9IAB/P; between September 20-24th; holidays style, CW and SSB modes

ONFF-0593 and ONFF-0594 -- By ON5SWA/P; September 20th; between 0600-1400; 80/40/20m SSB

FFF-2308 -- By F5NLX/p; September 21st; between 0630-0900z; NEW ONE

VKFF-1989 -- By VK2JNG/P; September 21-22nd; Queens Lake Nature Reserve;

7170 kHz SSB; FIRST ACTIVATION!
ONFF-0677 -- By ON5SWA/P; September 22nd; between 0600-1000z; 80/40/20m SSB
VKFF-0143 -- By VK2JNG/P; September 23rd; between 0300-0700z; Dooragan National Park; 7170 kHz SSB; around 12:00 weather permitting
ONFF-XXXX -- By OQ800SINT/p; September 23rd; between 0600-1600z; members from the UBA section WLD (Waasland) Radio Club will be aired from different ONFF locations using the special callsign; this call is distributed to their club to commemorate the birth of the parish Sint-Niklaas 800 years ago; more info on
IFF-0199 -- By IQ3UV; September 23rd; between 0700-1500z; from Malga Coot (Parco Prealpi Giulie) UD ITALY
KFF-2958 -- By AF4O; September 24th; between 0000-0400z; from U.S. Montgomery Bell State Park in TN; CW & some SSB
VKFF-1947 -- By VK2JNG/P; September 24th; between 0300-0700z; Kattang Nature Reserve; 7170 kHz; SSB FIRST ACTIVATION!
ONFF-0595 -- By ON5SWA/P; September 25th; between 0600-1000z; 80/40/20m SSB

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:
http://wwff.co/agenda
Also suggest URLs:
World-Wide -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44
USA -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair
A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: http://wwff.co/dx-cluster

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. An Argentinian group will be active as HC8LU from San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos Islands between November 29th and December 8th. Operators mentioned are Alejandro/LU8YD, Alejandro/LU9VEA, Mario/LU7VB and Patricio/LU3YK. Pilot stations are Sergio/LU7YS and Javier/LU5FF. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using mainly SSB and Digital modes (WSPR, JT65, FT8, PSK31). Also operations on the satellites (LEO, FM and SSB). QSL via IK2DUW. Visit their Blog page for updates, at:
https://hc8lu.blogspot.com.ar

INDEXA NEWS (Election Results for 2018 Fiscal Year). Dick Williams, W3OA, Secretary-Treasurer of INDEXA, reports the following results of the INDEXA election:

Three Year Directors: Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Ralph Fedor, K0IR, were both elected as three year directors to serve during the 2018, 2019, and 2020 fiscal years. Mary Hobart, K1MMH, is a three year director previously elected to serve during the 2017, 2018, and 2019 fiscal years.

Two Year Directors: Franz Langner, DJ9ZB, Gary Dixon, K4MQG, and Jerry Rosalius, WB9Z, were each elected as two year directors to serve during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

One Year Directors: Roberto Ramirez, CE3CT, Joe Aoki, JJ3PRT, and Lou Dietrich, N2TU, were each elected as one year directors to serve during the 2018 fiscal year. This gives us two new international Directors to assist us with membership in Asia and South America.

President: Bob Schenck, N2OO, was elected to serve during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

Vice President: John Scott, K8YC, was elected to serve during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

Secretary-Treasurer: Dick Williams, W3OA, was elected to serve during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

The Directors have now voted for the Fiscal Year 2018 Chairman and elected Ralph Fedor, K0IR, to serve as Chairman.

Thanks for your continuing support of INDEXA and our purpose of working DX and making DX happen! INDEXA is always poised to support many of the "Most Wanted" DXpeditions.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-039. By the time you read this, Konstantin, R7KF, will be active as RI0ZF from Beringa Island (RR-12-07, RDA KT-04) between now and September 22nd. Dates are very tentative and dependent on the weather. This is not DX-pedition, but Konstantin will try to make some CW/SSB QSOs mainly on 30/20/17 meters using 100 watts with simple antennas (inverted V). QSL via R7KF, direct or by the Bureau.

AS-096. (Update) Operators Rama/VU2DEV, Gaurav/VU2GTI, Koodur/VU2RCT, Devan/VU3DEW, Pradeep/VU3EDG, Vinod/VU3ESV, Girish/VU3GDS, Madhu/VU3NPI, YL Shyla/VU3SXH, Poojith/VU3YPP, Likith/VU3ZLS and Nyjil/VU3ZNG will be active as AT7M (not VU3NPI as first announced) from St. Mary's Islands between September 30th and October 1st. St. Mary's Island is also known as Coconut Island, and is a small island in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Malpe in Udupi, Karnataka, India. It is less than a kilometer square. The isles are known for their distinctive geological formation of columnar basaltic lava. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. The team will be operating on battery power with an array of antennas from verticals to yagis to phase shift vertical antennas with a host of rigs. QSL via VU3NPI. Visit their Web page at: http://www.vu2.in

AF-111P. Operators Jeremy/EI5GM, David/EI9FBB and Col/MM0NDX, in collaboration with two Liberian Radio Amateur Association operators Richmond/EL2BG and Dickson/EL2DT will be active as 5L3BI (pending) from Baiyah Island, Liberia, between November 1-4th (tentative). Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via M0OXO or OQRS. Their Web page is at: https://af111new.com
Read their complete Press Release #1 at:
https://dx-world.net/5l3bi-baiyah-island-af-111p-liberia

NEW IOTA WEB PAGE ONLINE. The old is being replaced by a new software system which will run the IOTA Programme, and will be moved over to a new Web site. Complete details of the launch of the new IOTA Web site are available on the old site as well as the new Web site. The new IOTA Web page is now at: https://www.iota-world.org

J6, ST. LUCIA. Gary, K9AW, will once again be active as J68GD from St. Lucia (NA-108) during both CQWW DX Contest in October and November, usually as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Activity outside of the contest

is usually on 40/30/20/17/12 meters using mainly CW with some SSB. He told OPDX, "I am assembling a 5 band Hex beam in preparation for the Oct/Nov CQWW contests." QSL via K9AW direct or LoTW.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Henry, W2DZO, will be active as KG4HH from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) between October 6-9th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct. No Bureau.

MU, GUERNSEY. Belgian NB-DX Team, Erik/ON4ANN, Erik/ON4CCV, Paul/ON5PDV, Willy/ON2BDJ, Philippe/ON4ACP, Rudi/ON6MI, Walter/ON8CW and Luc/ON4AAQ will be active as MU/ON4ANN from Guernsey between September 18-24th. Activity will be on various HF bands with special attention on 160/80/40/30 meters using CW, SSB the Digital modes. Antennas: Spiderbeams, Verticals, Inverted-L for 160m and RX antennas. QSL via M0URX or OQRS. For more details and updates, watch:

http://www.m0urx.com/3-M0URX/734-mu-on6nb-guernsey.html
https://www.facebook.com/MUON6NB-Guernsey-DXpedition-1942680619331042

Photos of the expedition will be uploaded to: https://goo.gl/photos/fiGS53P5hnUz4FMv6

P4, ARUBA. Operators Jim/K8JH and Mike/KB8KB will be active as P40N and P40M, respectively, from Aruba (SA-036) between September 27th and October 3rd. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and FT8. QSL P40N via K8JH by the Bureau. QSL P40M via KB8KB direct. PLEASE NOTE: Both callsigns have been previously issued.

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will once again be active as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) between November 20-28th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Just a reminder, he will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest the month before. Operations outside of the contest (before and after) are usually CW on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN (Op Cancelled). Ed, WA1ZAM, who was expected to be active again as PJ7PL from the Royal Palm's between October 20th and November 5th, has cancelled his operation due to the damage done by Hurricane Irma.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Members of Argentinian DXers Group, who were expected to be active as PJ7T from Sint Maarten (NA-105) between October 24th and November 4th, have cancelled their operation due to the damage done by Hurricane Irma. The group sent out the following [edited]: "We do apologize to inform all that the DXpedition to St Maarten PJ7T is suspended.

Hurricane Irma destroyed 95% of infrastructure on the island and it will be impossible to arrive and live there for a long time.

By this, we change the destination to San Andres Island and we are obtaining the permissions and call to operate from that island.

In the near future we will inform dates and call that we will use. All the stations are ready to fly to San Andres Is. We will listen for you on the air soon..... Regards to all, Yaguarete DX Group"

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 18-24th).....

Sep/18th LN	Sep/21st AN	Sep/23rd AN
Sep/19th LN	Sep/22nd AN	Sep/24th AN
Sep/20th HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF... (September 17th)

4L/OH2BR via OH2BR	IQ1ZS via 9A5URI	SN1LH via SP1EG or DK0ZAB
7X3WPL via 7X3DL	KH2/AG7IY via JP3NCJ	SU/DM4DX via DM4DX (LoTW only)
AO1IBR via EA4URE	LZ1VVV via LZ1OT	SV5/HB9OAU via HB9OAU & LoTW
CT8/W6PQL via W6PQL	N3U via W3BTX	SV8/GM0LVI/P via GM0LVI
EA8/OK7JR/P via OK7JR	OE/DD8ALO via DD8ALO	TI5/YN7SU via YN7SU (d)
HB0/DL2SBY via DL2SBY (O/d/L)	OF100FI/0 via OH2BAD	UE80IR via RA0SMS
HF160MD via SP3PWL	OF6MW via OH6MW	UT/DK2HM via DK2HM
II0IABB via IZ0EUX & LoTW	OF8CW via OH8CW	VI4SC50 via VK4WIS
II0IADC via IZ0FVD (O)	OL100SV via OK2LET	VR2XYL via VR2XYL (d)
II0IHMW via IU0DZA	OM50SPSEKE via OM8AND	W6I via K5KBV (d)
II8IHBC via IU8CEU (d/e)	OZ0JD/P via OZ0JD (e)	ZA/DL1CW via DL1CW
II9IABA via IT9MRM (d)	OZ6SYL via OZ7AGR & (e)	
II9IHPM via 9A5URI	PJ4/PA3BWK via PA3BWK (d/L)	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

PDXG QSL Management Platform Update (Press Release) -- Earlier this year we released a report on the status of our PDXG QSL Management Platform that was designed to automate the QSL manager’s back end processes. Developed over the past 3 years it’s now at Version 4.3 and installed on servers in the United Kingdom and the USA. Exclusive users are Tim M0URX, Charles M0OXO, Pista HA5AO and Gene K5GS.

The development goal of this collaborative effort was to eliminate, or greatly reduce, a manager’s manual tasks. The first large implementation was the 2015 TX3X Chesterfield Island DX-pedition, we learned a lot about what QSL managers and users expect from an OQRS platform. The application eliminates most of the manual drudgery of processing confirmations for a single DX operator to the largest DX-pedition.

2017 Year to Date 2017 Metrics:

- QSOs loaded: 5,018,167
- Total number of DX logs: 800 (DX-pedition, contest, active DX stations handled by M0URX, M0OXO and HA5AO)

A QSL manager with one helper can process OQRS requests for the largest DX-pedition in one day, an amazing 75% reduction in time and labor. Compare this to the old process that took multiple people many days to handle a large DX-pedition. Today the only time consuming OQRS confirmation tasks are stuffing envelopes and affixing labels, a bulk mail franking machine eliminated postage stamps. Other automated tasks include matching donors to the log for special handling and busted call management, no more busted/missing call e-mails.

A new feature controls sending duplicate QSL cards to the same DXer. Many DXers request a card through OQRS or Direct and also send a buro card. The software will not respond to the bureau request if a card was previously sent for the same contact(s).

With all this extra time on their hands M0URX and M0OXO are available to handle additional DX call signs and DX-peditions.

For additional information about the project please contact any of the people named in the article at their QRZ.com e-mail address.

73, Gene, K5GS, for PDXG

QSL CARDS FROM TA3J. Berkin, TA3J, informs OPDX [edited], "I sent my QSL cards for TA3J, TA3J/0 (AS-099, Yassica Island), TA3J/0 (AS-115, Rate Island), TA3J/4 LH, TA3J/7, TC2K4J, YM125ATA and YM125ATA/4, to radio amateurs of Croatia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Slovenia, Ukraine and USA (W5) today (September 14th) via the Bureau by air mail postage." For more details about TA3J's QSL services, see:

http://www.aydogmus.gen.tr/ta3j/qslservice.htm

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4K6AG, 5V7P, HH2AA, HK0RMR, RI1ANO and XW1IC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: VK9AA and ZF1EJ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3D2YJ, 3W3MD, 5H1ES, 5R8M, 6Y9X, 7QAA, 8J1ITU, 9M2TO, 9M2YAA, 9X0VA, A35V, A52PC, A60WSW, A61ZX, A62A, A63HI, A65DC, A91ND, A92AA, CE2/CX1EK, CY0C, D64K, E20PFE, E20QVD, E21YDP, E23XOT, EM2012KY, FG/IW5ELA, FP/KV1J, HP1RN, HP1/IZ6BRN, HS1JZT, HS1FVL, HS3LSE, HS3NBR, HS4ESF, HS5NMF, HS7BHK, HS0ACS, HS0ZBS, HS0ZCW, HS0ZDX, HZ1PS, ID9/IT9ZZO (EU-017), IS0BMU, J34J, J79WI, JD1BMH, KP2/K3MD, KP4QI, LU6DU, LW3DG, NL7K (NA-063), OH0/ES2TT, P4/NE9U, P40CX, PX4X, PY4OY, PY44ARS, S21ZBC, SV5RLH, T88ZO, TC571SAV, TS8P, V48M, V6Z, VP2V/N2IEN, VP5/K9PPY, WH6ASW, YC9FAR, YJ0OU, YN2AA, ZA/IZ4JMA and Z81Z

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA. Operators Brian/N3OC and Bud/AA3B are now active as V26OC and V26K, respectively, from Antigua (NA-100) until September 20th. Activity will be on various HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

V3, BELIZE. Victor, WB0TEV, will be active as V31VP from Blackman Eddy during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via ClubLog, by the Bureau, or direct to WB0TEV.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. Operators Dennis/N0SMX (VP2MMX) and George/K2DM (VP2MDG) will be active as VP2MDG from Gingerbread Hill, Montserrat (NA-103), during the CQWW SSB DX Contest (October 28-29th) . QSL via KD2M direct only or LoTW. NO BUREAU. Both operators will be active outside of the contest. QSL VP2MMX via N0SMX direct.

VP2V, BRITISH VIGRIN ISLANDS (Cancelled). Operators Art/N3DXX and Steven/ AA7V, who were expected to be active as VP2V/homecall and be in the CQWW DX CW Contest from Virgin Gorda (Tortola) between November 23-29th, have cancelled their operation.

XW, LAOS. Champ, E21EIC, will once again be active as XW1IC from Vientiane between September 21-25th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters. He will also be in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-25th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSLs must be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog or via E21EIC and LoTW. NO PAPER QSL IS NEEDED.

ZD7, ST. HELENA ISLAND (ZD7VDE On Again!). Bill, G0VDE, informs OPDX that his ZD7VDE DXpedition is back on. He has waited over a year for the Island of St. Helena's airport to start commercial fights back up again. You may remember last year, Bill tried a few times to go to St. Helena, but the airport had issues with turbulence and windshear on approach to their runway. Bill states [edited], "Well, they are finally starting on October 14th, and I am hoping to be on the first commercial flights to St. Helena after all! I am planning to stay for one week for this trip, and will be operating SSB and some Data (maybe even FT8!). As before, I am staying in self-catering accommodation a couple of miles from James-town, on a plateau above the town with a good take-off to the W, N and E. The radios I am planning to take are FT-991 and FT-891 and a Juma PA1000, with a vertical antenna and a variety of wires, dipoles and fiberglass supports. I have setup a Web site at: http://www.sthelenadx.com My callsign should be ZD7VDE. Online log will be via ClubLog and QSLs via OQRS.... Please note that it is possible the flights may be delayed and I may travel later than 14th October - see my website for more information."

ZS60, SOUTH AFRICA (JOTA Op). Members of the Sandringham Scout Group (ZS6SSG) will be running a JOTA station as has been done over the last couple of years. This year, JOTA celebrates its 60th year of running. To commemorate this milestone, the SSG will be running a special event call-sign ZS60JOTA, over the weekend of October 20-22nd. Look out for this callsign and make a contact. Activity will be on 80/40/20 meters. QSL via ZS6RKE, direct or by the SARL Bureau.

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